

3) Correspondence Minutes of the August 8th, 2006

Lincoln Land Trust Meeting

Call to Order @ 7:11. Present: Janet Butler, Janice Ferry, Brian Guadagni,

Judy Hadley and Jim Jahnz

June minutes approved.

Introduce Anne Marie Ignacer, from Smithfield Land Trust, Ken and Kim Beauregard

representing Lepore Farm. A vote is taken to suspend normal order of business

to allow the aforementioned guests to make a presentation.

The goal of presentation is to solicit advocates for the preservation of Lepore

Farm, which continues to be a rural, working farm in town. There is active

agriculture going on and presenters are looking for partners who will join the

fight to preserve this farm. LLT was also advised of grant monies from USDA and

Agricultural Land Preservation Council that would be available for this venture.

Total acreage is 25.56 acres and projected cost of development rights in

Lincoln is \$850,000.00. Including both North Prov and Lincoln parcels, the cost

jumps to 3 million. There is \$400,000.00 already earmarked for potential purchase from the state.

Enter Ken Booth from the Budget Board. We were treated to loads of financial information regarding land purchase and balances currently reflected in the budget.

In 2002, there was a bond for 1 million-where is the money? Was it ever spent?

An audit in June 2005, showed a balance of \$268,252. in the Open Space Bond fund. Potential

Expenditures could be Thibodeau Farm and 2 lots at the base of Sunview Drive (which tie into other protected space). No confirmation on either of these possibilities.

Monies reflected in the budget are questionable, and questions need to be asked to confirm open space spending.

Last note was to note that the settlement to RI Builder's Fund should be taken

out of the general surplus in the town and NOT from the Open Space fund. Watch for more details here.

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"Relics and Rivers" - a NOAA video is available. This 30 minute video examines the topic of dismantling dams. It was suggested that the Land Trust sponsor a showing of this video at the town hall and that it be advertised in the Valley Breeze.

4) Land Trust Project

Brian filmed his portion of the Land Trust video with Paul Roselli and found it to be a good experience. Janice is scheduled to film on Monday, August 14th at Manville Memorial Park.

5) Old Business

A) Camp Meehan - the purchase of this parcel has stalled. One of the questions seems to be if it is worth \$3.4 million.

B) DEM Open Space Mapping - Judy will send EXCEL files from DEM to members of the Land Trust

C) Open Space funds - Budget board member (chair?) Ken Booth attended the meeting and reviewed the Open Space account funds for the past 3 years.

6) New Business

A) Draft Zoning Ordinances - there was no discussion

B) Tree Ordinance - It was felt that it would be very valuable to develop a tree ordinance for the town as there currently is none. Tree replanting and % vegetative coverage of lot might be stipulated. This will be discussed further.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next meeting will be on September 12th, 2006.